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Sent: 1/25/2021 5:49:34 PM
To: Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

Glad to hear you are getting some skiing in... I have about 8 days in (including a couple of backcountry days), but the snow here is not great. We definitely need a lot more... Not sure when I will get up next as the reservation thing is a mess. All the Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays are pretty much reserved until mid-March. Are they doing reservations back east or are the resorts all pretty much open?

And the wind sounds brutal.

From: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

Thanks Rick-

I had a great weekend. Got some good skiing in. It was brutally cold here yesterday. Probably the windiest I've ever skied in- 65-70 mile gusts at the top. I had to basically sit down to stay standing when we got off the lift.

Hope you are enjoying your winter, and are getting lots of good snow ☺

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From: Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:59 AM
To: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

Thanks Emily! Hope you had a great weekend.

From: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 7:47 AM
To: Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>; Johnson, Arthur <Johnson.Arthur@epa.gov>
Cc: Williams, Brandon <Williams.Brandon@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

Hi Rick-

Thanks for reaching out. Dan and Lynnnann are going to join our MSDD call tomorrow to go over the EO for face masks.

I'll check in on any updates for the other EO's.

Thanks so much,

Emily

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From: Buhl, Rick <Buhl.Rick@epa.gov>
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Have there been any discussions with OARM on the requiring mask wearing? I think most of use think that our current procedures meet the CDC requirements and thus the requirements of the EO, but if there is any different interpretation over and above the CDC requirements, that would be helpful to know so that we are all on the same page. Also, I think it would be helpful to hear from OARM and OCFO any provisions they think we will need to address from the EOs that have been issued.

Thanks.

Rick

From: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
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If you receive inquiries from your NPMs, please let me know. HQ has the lead. Deb

From: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>
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TO: Current and Acting EPA Leadership

FR: Dan Utech, Chief of Staff

RE: Implementation of President Biden's Executive Orders

This past week, President Biden issued a set of Executive Orders, several of which require EPA to take action with urgent deadlines. Many of you likely have already read and started developing implementation plans for the components of the orders relevant to your programs and offices. To ensure that we stay on pace agencywide to meet our obligations, I ask that each office review the following and develop a plan to meet the urgent and longer-term deadlines.

URGENT DEADLINES

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis

This EO requires EPA to "review all existing regulations, orders, guidance documents, policies, and any other similar agency actions (agency actions) promulgated, issued, or adopted between January 20, 2017, and January 20, 2021, that are or may be inconsistent with, or present obstacles to, the policy set forth in section 1 of this order. For any such actions identified by the agencies, the heads of agencies shall, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, consider suspending, revising, or rescinding the agency actions." **Within 30 days, EPA must submit to the Director of the Office of Management and Budget a preliminary list of any actions being considered that would be completed by December 31, 2021, and that would be subject to OMB review.** With this thirty-day deadline in mind, please note the following milestones:

Internal Deadlines

February 5: Programs/Offices provide draft lists to Office of Policy

February 12: Final lists due to Office of Policy

February 19: EPA List submitted to OMB

To assist in the development of lists of agency actions, the Office of Policy will distribute an initial list during the week of January 25.

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing

January 27, 2021: Administrator must report on progress of implementation of mask mandate and COVID protocols across EPA campuses.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND MEMOS FOR REVIEW

Please review the following and develop a plan for meeting the given deadlines and completing the tasks in your purview. Additional details on process and timelines will follow.

MEMO: Regulatory Freeze Pending Review

MEMO: Modernizing Regulatory Review

Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis

Executive Order on Revocation of Certain Executive Orders Concerning Federal Regulation

Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

Executive Order on Organizing and Mobilizing the United States Government to Provide a Unified and Effective Response to Combat COVID-19 and to Provide United States Leadership on Global Health and Security

Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing
Executive Order on Ensuring an Equitable Pandemic Response and Recovery
Executive Order on Ensuring a Data-Driven Response to COVID-19 and Future High-Consequence Public Health Threats
Executive Order on Ethics Commitments by Executive Branch Personnel
Executive Order on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation
Executive Order on Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health
Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats
Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce
Executive Order on Economic Relief Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic